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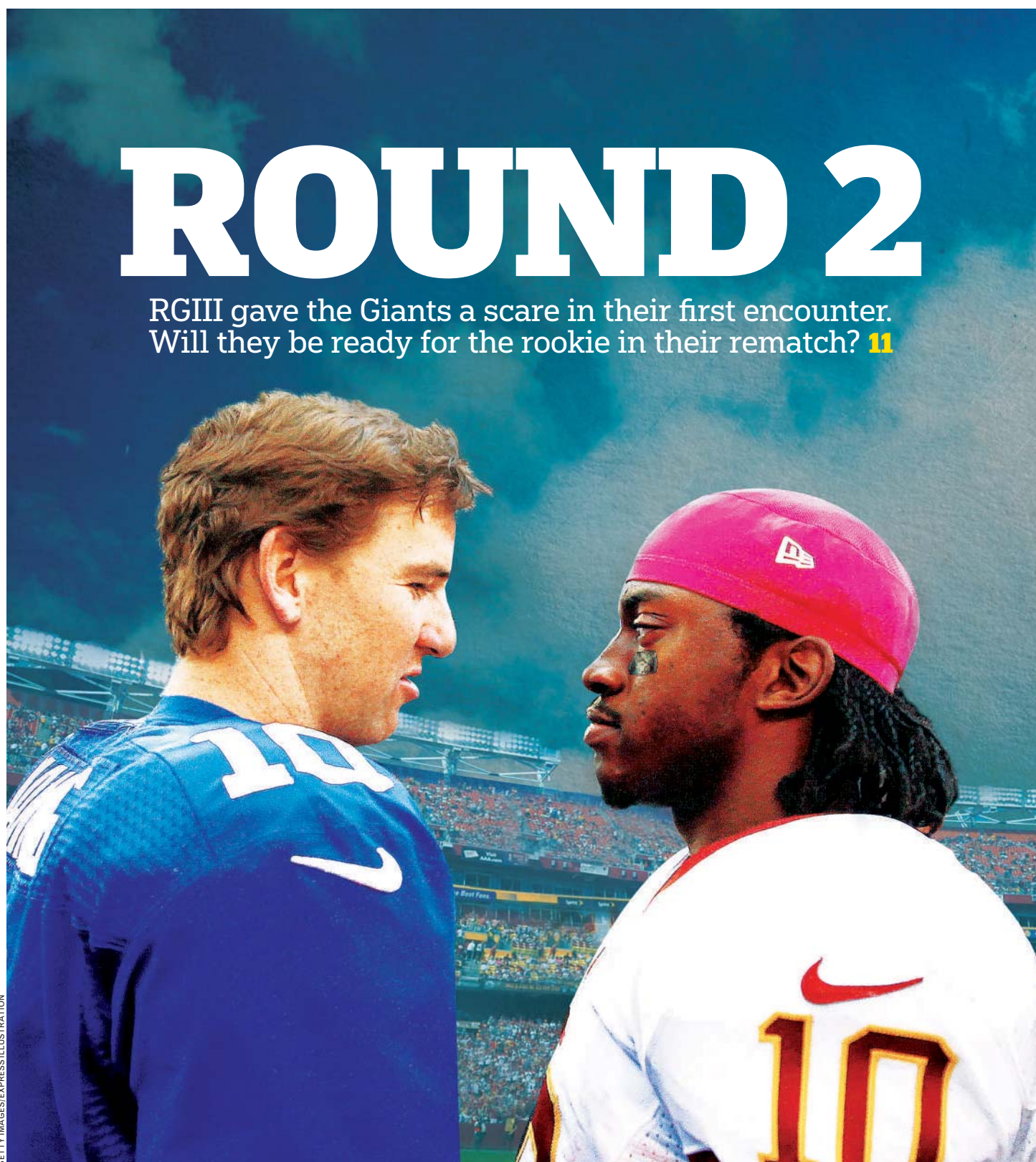
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A South Dakota woman told police that she heard an explosion outside her home Wednesday, and, when officers arrived, they found a destroyed snowman, duct tape and pieces of sparklers nearby. Prior to the blast, a neighbor saw an SUV stop in front of the home and toss something from a window. There are no suspects. (AP)

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"We didn't really need the reading. There aren't many sober people who'd do that."

— POLICE SPOKESMAN, REFERRING TO A GERMAN MAN WHO TRIED TO USE A BREATHALYZER AS AN IPHONE TO CALL HIS LAWYER AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED ON DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGES, THE U.K. WEBSITE ORANGE NEWS REPORTED FRIDAY

COMPETITION

Cracker Jack Execs Realize They Need to Up Their Game

A Georgia woman got an off-the-menu item from a local McDonald's when she found a nose ring in one of the breakfast burritos she ordered for her 2-year-old daughter last week. Frances Rosario told CBS Atlanta News that she was rudely rebuffed when she tried to talk to a manager about the incident, and that she's going to "stay back from McDonald's for a little while." (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture



DEFINITELY LET HER WIN: Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, plays hockey Friday during her visit to St. Andrew's School, which she attended from 1986 to 1995, in Pangbourne, England. Kate told teachers and students that her 10 years there were "some of my happiest."

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THIS WEEK

Pot Legal in Wash. State

Thursday is "Legalization Day" in Washington state, with a celebration beneath Seattle's Space Needle. The measure will allow adults to possess up to an ounce of marijuana.



Bulgaria PM, Obama Meet

President Barack Obama and Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov will meet Monday to discuss a number of issues, including Bulgaria's leadership in NATO.

S. African Farm Strike

South Africa's largest labor group said that with no wage deal on the table, farm workers will resume strikes Tuesday if demands for better pay and working conditions are not met.

Nation

Geithner: GOP Hinderling Cliff Talks

Treasury secretary tells Republicans to be specific on tax plan

Washington

Republicans have to stop using "political math" and say how much they are willing to raise tax rates on the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans and then specify the spending cuts they want, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner said in an interview that aired Sunday.

Just four weeks from the proverbial fiscal cliff, House Speaker John Boehner countered that Republicans

have a plan for providing as much as \$800 billion in new government revenue over the next decade and would consider the elimination of tax deductions on high-income earners. But when pressed on "Fox News Sunday" for precise details, the Ohio Republican declined to say.

There are "a lot of options in terms of how to get there," Boehner said.

Both Boehner's and Geithner's latest remarks indicate it could be some time before serious negotiations begin between the White House and Republicans on how to avert economic calamity expected in less than a month when President George W. Bush-era tax cuts

Backstory

Last week, the White House delivered to Capitol Hill its opening plan for averting the fiscal cliff: \$1.6 trillion in higher taxes over a decade, hundreds of billions of dollars in new spending, a possible extension of the temporary Social Security payroll tax cut and enhancing the president's power to raise the national debt limit. Republicans said they responded in closed-door meetings with laughter and disbelief. "I was just flabbergasted," Boehner said. "I looked at [Geithner] and I said, 'You can't be serious.'" (AP)

expire and automatic, across-the-board spending cuts kick in.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said Sunday that she will try to force a vote on the Senate-passed bill favored by Democrats to avert a fiscal cliff. But she was unlikely to line up enough Republicans to succeed.

Republican leaders have said they accept higher tax revenue overall, but only through what they call tax reform — closing loopholes and limiting deductions — and only coupled with tough measures to curb the explosive growth of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

Storm Drenches Northern California



KENT PORTER/AP

KIMBERLY MASKLYNE LOOKS OUT at her flooded car Sunday in Windsor, Calif. The third storm system to hit Northern California in less than a week moved across the region late Saturday and early Sunday, dropping as much as an inch of rain per hour in some areas, toppling trees and knocking out power to tens of thousands.

Partisan Split Over Rice Widens

Washington

The partisan political divide over the potential nomination of U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice to be secretary of state intensified Sunday with Republicans questioning her fitness for the job and Democrats defending her.

Appearing on Sunday talk shows, two of Rice's fiercest critics, Sens. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said they remain deeply concerned over Rice's statements about the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya.

Democrats, though, said Rice is being unfairly victimized for repeat-

ing erroneous talking points circulated by the intelligence community.

"Nothing that I have heard, in my mind, would disqualify her," said Sen.



Rice

Mark Warner, D-Va.

Missouri Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill said what's happening to Rice is "terribly unfair."

At issue is the explanation Rice offered in a series of talk-show appearances five days after the attack that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. (AP)

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Nation

'Asperger's' No Longer a Diagnosis

Psychiatric manual to incorporate term into the autism spectrum

Chicago

In revisions to a diagnostic guide used by the nation's psychiatrists, the now familiar term "Asperger's disorder" is being dropped.

The first major rewrite in nearly 20 years to the American Psychiatric Association's new Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, or DSM-5, were approved Saturday.

The new manual adds the term "autism spectrum disorder," which already is used by many experts in the field. Asperger's disorder will be dropped and incorporated under that umbrella diagnosis. The new category will include kids with severe autism, who often don't talk or interact, as well as those with milder forms.

Backstory

People with Asperger's disorder often have high intelligence and vast knowledge on narrow subjects but lack social skills. Some who have the condition embrace their quirkiness and vow to continue to use the label despite the American Psychiatric Association's decision to drop the term from its new manual. Catherine Lord, an autism expert at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York who was on the psychiatric group's autism task force, said anyone who met criteria for Asperger's in the old manual would be included in the new diagnosis. (AP)

This diagnostic guide "defines what constellations of symptoms" doctors recognize as mental disorders, said Dr. Mark Olfson, a Columbia University psychiatry professor who was not involved in the revision process. More impor-

tant, he said, it "shapes who will receive what treatment. Even seemingly subtle changes to the criteria can have substantial effects on patterns of care."

Full details of all the revisions will come next May when the manual is published, but the impact will be huge, affecting millions of children and adults worldwide. The manual also is important for the insurance industry in deciding what treatment to pay for, and it helps schools decide how to allot special education.

The aim is not to expand the number of people diagnosed with mental illness, but to ensure that affected children and adults are more accurately diagnosed so they can get the most appropriate treatment, said Dr. David Kupfer. He chaired the task force in charge of revising the manual and is a psychiatry professor at the University of Pittsburgh. LINDSEY TANNER (AP)



Five states are expected to say they're adding at least 300 hours to the school year.

Some Schools to Add Time in Class

3-year pilot program aims to increase student achievement

Washington

School for thousands of public school students is about to get quite a bit longer.

Five states were to announce Monday that they will add at least 300 hours of learning time to the calendar in some schools starting in 2013. Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Tennessee will take part in the initiative, which is intended to boost student achievement and make U.S. schools more competitive on a global level.

The National Center on Time & Learning's three-year pilot program will affect almost 20,000 students in 40 schools, with long-term hopes of expanding the program.

Parents and teachers, working with school districts, will decide

Meanwhile ...

Not everyone agrees that longer school days will improve student achievements. A report last year from the National School Boards Association's Center for Public Education disputed the notion that U.S. schools have fallen behind in classroom time, pointing out that students in high-performing countries such as South Korea, Finland and Japan actually spend less time in school than most U.S. students. (AP)

whether to make the school day longer, add more days to the school year or both.

A little more than 1,000 U.S. schools already operate on expanded schedules. The National Center on Time & Learning said more schools should follow suit but stressed that expanded learning time isn't the right strategy for every school. JOSH LEDERMAN (AP)

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Weekend Review

1 KANSAS CITY, MO.

Player's Murder-Suicide Leaves Chiefs Stunned

Kansas City's football community was left reeling after NFL linebacker Jovan Belcher shot himself in the head Saturday in front of coach Romeo Crennel and general manager Scott Pioli. Belcher had fatally shot his girlfriend, 22, earlier. The two have a 3-month-old daughter. (AP)

2 WASHINGTON

U.S. Pushes Fresh Talks For Palestinians, Israelis

The Obama administration sought Friday to direct Israel and the Palestinians back toward peace talks, a day after the Palestinians won U.N. recognition of their statehood and after the Israelis retaliated by approving 3,000 new homes on Israeli-occupied territory. (AP)

3 TOKYO

Tunnel Roof Crumbles, Trapping Vehicles Inside

At least seven people were missing after about 150 concrete panels fell from the roof of a tunnel on the highway linking Tokyo with central Japan, officials said Sunday. Rescue efforts were hindered by heavy smoke after one vehicle caught fire inside the Sasago Tunnel. (AP)

JEROME DELAY/AP

4 Rebels in Congo Leave City

Rebels completed their retreat from Congo's eastern provincial capital of Goma on Saturday, less than two weeks after taking control of the strategic city, a military official said. The retreat, however, may not last: A leader for the M23 rebels said they wanted to negotiate with the government within 48 hours, threatening to return otherwise.

5 "There is a historic opportunity to convert Mexico into the great power it should be. ... I will listen to the citizens."

— ENRIQUE PEÑA NIETO, MEXICO'S NEW PRESIDENT, SPEAKING SATURDAY AFTER HIS INAUGURATION IN MEXICO CITY AND EXPRESSING HIS HOPES FOR A MORE PROSPEROUS, PEACEFUL COUNTRY, EVEN AS SEVERAL HUNDRED PROTESTERS CLASHED WITH POLICE

6 PAULSBORO, N.J.

Train Derails, Spilling Hazardous Chemical

A signal may have malfunctioned on a southern New Jersey bridge where a train derailed, causing a hazardous chemical to spew into the air. Officials said Sunday that the evacuation of 12 blocks nearby would remain in effect as a precaution. No serious injuries were reported in the Friday accident. (AP)

7 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea Plans to Test Long-Range Rocket

North Korea is gearing up to fire a long-range rocket in a defiant move expected to elevate tensions over its missile and nuclear programs. The North's announcement Saturday that it would launch the rocket between Dec. 10 and Dec. 22 comes as South Korea prepares for a presidential election Dec. 19. (AP)

8 NORFOLK, VA.

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The length, in years, of the career of the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, which was retired Saturday. Thousands of people lined a pier to bid farewell to one of the Navy's most decorated ships. (AP)

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In Brief

BERLIN
Germany Eases Stance
On Forgiveing Greek Debt



Merkel said, signaling a softening of her government's tough stance on Greece. The question of debt forgiveness, or a "haircut," can be revisited after the current bailout program, Merkel said in an interview with the German Sunday tabloid Bild am Sonntag. (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
Militants, 5 Afghans Die In Taliban Attack on Base
Taliban suicide bombers attacked a joint U.S.-Afghan air base in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, detonating explosives at the gate and sparking a gunbattle that lasted at least two hours. The attackers and at least five Afghans were killed in the largest attack on the Jalalabad air base since February, officials said. (AP)

High Court on Strike in Egypt

Leading judges join anti-Morsi protest, deepening turmoil

Cairo
Egypt's judicial rebellion against President Mohammed Morsi grew to full force Sunday, as the country's highest court declared an open-ended strike on the day it was supposed to rule on the legitimacy of two key assemblies controlled by allies of the Islamist leader.
The strike by the Supreme Constitutional Court and opposition plans to march on the presidential palace Tuesday take the country's latest political crisis to a level not seen in the nearly two years of turmoil since Hosni Mubarak's ouster in a popular uprising.
Judges from the country's highest appeals court and its sister court were already on an indefinite strike, joining colleagues from other tribunals who suspended work last week to protest what they saw as Morsi's assault on the judiciary.
The standoff began when Morsi



Fury Brews in Cairo
Supporters of Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi chant in Cairo on Sunday as riot police guard the entrance to Egypt's top court. The court began an indefinite strike Sunday amid a showdown with Morsi. The opposition rallied hundreds of thousands of supporters in Tahrir Square last week; the Islamists responded Saturday with massive rallies in Cairo and across much of Egypt. Protesters are planning to march on Morsi's palace Tuesday. (AP)
..... issued decrees on Nov. 22 giving him near-absolute powers that granted himself and the Islamist-dominated assembly drafting the new constitution immunity from the courts. President Mohammed Morsi has called for a national referendum on Dec. 15 on the draft

constitution hammered out and hurriedly voted on last week.
Without a functioning justice system, Egypt will be plunged even deeper into turmoil.
It has already seen a dramatic surge in crime after the uprising, while state authority is being challenged in many aspects of life and the courts are burdened by a massive backlog of cases.
"The country cannot function for long like this, something has to give," said Negad Borai, a law firm director and a rights activist.
A statement by the court, which swore Morsi into office on June 30, said its judges approached the complex but turned back when they saw the protesters blocking entrances and climbing over its fences. They feared for their safety, it added.
The judges say they will remain on strike until Morsi rescinds his decrees, which the Egyptian leader said were temporary and needed to protect the nation's path to democratic rule.
The court called Sunday "the Egyptian judiciary's blackest day on record." HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

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World

Jubilant Palestinians Embrace Abbas



YOUTHS SURROUND Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as the leader returned Sunday to a hero's welcome in Ramallah, West Bank, after last week's vote at the U.N. on Palestinian statehood. "We now have a state," Abbas told a cheering crowd. "The world has said loudly, 'Yes to the state of Palestine.'"

Airstrikes by Syrian Regime Intensify in Damascus

Beirut

Syrian warplanes and artillery blasted parts of the capital of Damascus and its rebellious suburbs Sunday, part of what activists described as intense fighting as rebels try to push their way into the center of President Bashar Assad's power base.

In central Syria, a car bomb killed at least 15 people, the official news agency reported.

The fighting over the past few

Meanwhile ...

The Syrian air force also launched airstrikes on the northern city of Aleppo, some cities in the northern province of Idlib and the Mediterranean city of Latakia, activists said Sunday. In central Homs province, a car bomb exploded near Omar Bin al-Khattab mosque in the al-Hamra neighborhood of Homs, killing at least 15 people and wounding 24, state-run media said. (AP)

weeks in Damascus is the most serious in the capital since July, when rebels captured several neighborhoods before a swift government counteroffensive swept them out.

The Damascus suburbs have been opposition strongholds since the conflict began as an uprising in March 2011. In the past weeks, the army has pressed an offensive to regain lost territory near the capital, including two air bases.

Activists say the civil war has killed at least 40,000 people. (AP)



Sucked In: A vampire is on the loose in Serbia, or so say villagers in the hamlet of Zarozje. They say rumors that a legendary vampire ghost has awakened are spreading fear — and a potential tourist opportunity. Officials warned villagers to carry garlic and display wooden crosses. "Tourists think it is fun — and the Serbian locals think it's terrifying," said Richard Sugg, an expert on vampire legends. (AP)





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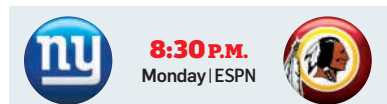
— ROBERT GRIFFIN III



In the first meeting between the Redskins and the Giants, Robert Griffin III, right, ran nine times for 89 yards. The Giants won that Oct. 21 game 27-23 at MetLife Stadium.

Catch Him If You Can

RGIII creates a matchup problem the Giants hope to have figured out this time around



Robert Griffin III is about to get a first chance to make a second impression.

As the Washington Redskins quarterback wows the NFL through his rookie season, part of the intrigue has been when — or if — defenses will find a reliable scheme to corral his all-around ability to run, fake, scramble and find receivers with top-shelf pinpoint accuracy.

The New York Giants present a good test case. On Monday, they become the first team to face Griffin a second time.

"I was hoping to learn that he'd slowed down a little bit, but that's not the case," New York defensive end Justin Tuck said.

"He is one of the best dual threats in our game."

Griffin completed 20 of 28 passes for 258 yards and ran nine times for 89 yards in the teams' first meeting at the Meadowlands on Oct. 21, an impressive volume of work that was negated when the Redskins' woeful secondary allowed a 77-yard touchdown pass to Victor Cruz with 1:13 to play.

Over the next two weeks, it appeared that perhaps the NFL was starting to figure out RGIII — or that he had hit the rookie wall. But he followed so-so performances against the Pittsburgh Steelers and Carolina Panthers with perhaps the best five-day span for a rookie in league history: 34 for 43 with eight touchdowns and a combined 146.1 rating in wins over the Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys, the latter coming on the road on Thanksgiving Day.

Three Things to Watch

Cruz Control

The Giants WRs gave the Redskins all sorts of fits in the earlier matchup, and Washington's DBs must keep Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks in check to have a chance.

ELLIOTT SMITH
(FOR EXPRESS)

1-2 Punch

Expect to see plenty of RB Alfred Morris and RGIII as the Redskins' No. 1 ground game will try to set the tone early against an average Giants rushing defense that gave up 248 yards in Week 7.

Happy Feet

Eli Manning is a tough QB to sack, but if the Redskins' defensive line can get pressure on him and make him uncomfortable in the pocket, he is far less effective.



Injury Report

The Redskins listed linebacker **London Fletcher**, left, and left tackle **Trent Williams**, right, as questionable on their official injury report released Saturday. It appears likely that both will play Monday against the New York Giants at FedEx Field after missing practice time during the week because of injuries. Fletcher has a sprained left ankle and Williams has a thigh bruise. Fletcher has played in 235 straight games. (AP)

"I don't plan on being here that long," said the 29-year-old Tuck, asked to imagine how the 22-year-old Griffin will affect the NFC East over the next decade. "But, until I exit stage right, it seems like he's going to be a fixture in my dreams and nightmares."

While the Giants are trying to downplay the advantages of having played Griffin before, there are a few. Many defenses facing him for the first time are caught off guard by his speed — even with the knowledge that he was a college hurdles champion.

Also, no amount of video study is a good substitute for the live-and-in-person experience of facing the zone read option, an offensive scheme many NFL players haven't seen since college.

"The experience factor is there," said New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin. "We have played them one time and they played very, very well, so I don't know that that's any solace for us."

The Giants (7-4) could essentially put the NFC East away with a win, which would give them a three-game lead and the tiebreaker over the Redskins (5-6) with four games remaining. The Cowboys (5-6) would stay in the mix if they beat the Eagles on Saturday night.

Griffin, who has supplemented his physical talents with beyond-his-years leadership to keep the Redskins' playoff hopes alive, is naturally curious to see what the Giants throw at him this time.

"I just know they'll come with something different," Griffin said. "I mean, every team does." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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Riders: Let There Be Light

Poorly illuminated stations have plagued Metrorail for years

Washington

Everywhere you look, Metro seems to be busy rebuilding the subway system. That is, if you can see much of anything. As Metro spends billions to repair escalators and elevators and upgrade miles and miles of track, some riders and rider advocates say the transit system is continuing to neglect an even more basic need: light.

For years, many of Metrorail's stations have been plagued by dim — even dark — pockets, yet better lighting has remained a low priority. Riders complain that stations are too dimly lighted to read a newspaper or even make out an escalator step. Wheelchair users and the visually impaired say navigating the system is even more difficult when the stations are too dark.

To focus attention on the problem, a group of rider advocates has inspected nearly 70 percent of Metro's stations and has confirmed what riders already knew.

"We have found that this is a very severe problem, and it impacts everyone in the low-vision community as well as the general public," said Barbara Milleville, president of the National Capital Citizens With Low Vision.

Milleville, who has limited vision, worked with members of Metro's Accessibility Advisory Committee to audit the stations. They plan to present their findings and recommendations to the Metro board this month and will urge the agency to incorporate the lighting needs into next year's budget.



Barbara Milleville of the National Capital Citizens With Low Vision uses a small flashlight to see the elevator call button at Farragut North Metro station Nov. 27.

Dim Bulbs

Six years ago, Metro's leadership said crews would replace burned-out bulbs within 10 days instead of three months and would do a total replacement and inspection of station lights every 10 months. Metro would not say whether that policy is being followed. (TWP)

"In the past, lighting was not a priority, and we are trying to say it needs to become a priority," Milleville said.

Lighting problems in Metro are complicated by the distinctive architecture of the system, which opened in 1976.

Designers wanted soft, indirect light that would highlight the cathedral-like arches of the underground stations. But that has made enhancing lighting a tricky endeavor.

"In a sense, [the architects] wanted to create a kind of ambience that gave you a feeling that you were underground and in a place that had a bit of mystery to it," said Roger K. Lewis, an architect and professor emeritus of architecture at the University of Maryland.

"It is quite difficult to remedy or fix the problem without destroying the original idea that goes back with the design. It takes a lot of careful analysis to do it right."

The Accessibility Advisory Committee says better lighting is needed on platforms, in the walls along tracks, and around the elevators, escalators and kiosks.

Improvements at about 40 stations noted in the group's report could cost nearly \$25 million, according to estimates from Metro engineers.

LUZ LAZO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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D.C. Zoning Revamp Stokes Fears

Some residents think changes would alter car-centric lifestyles

Washington

District planning officials are rewriting the city's zoning rules for the first time in 54 years, a process that has hastened anxieties about growth and at times has erupted into a pitched debate about the future of the city.

The proposed changes are small — allowing a corner store here, fewer parking spaces there — but the debate has grown in recent months, pitting some longtime residents and civic activists against city officials and advocates of denser transit- and pedestrian-oriented development.

Planners say the changes are necessary to shape a growing city,



Residents in neighborhoods like Chevy Chase, above, are concerned that rewriting the city's zoning rules could dramatically change the character of where they live.

one that could see hundreds of thousands of new residents in coming decades as congestion fouls automobile commutes, energy prices rise and environmental considerations become more urgent.

Detractors fear that the changes

will dramatically change the character, or at least the car-centric way of life, in outlying residential neighborhoods.

Linda Schmitt, a Chevy Chase resident who is organizing opposition to the rewrite, said the chang-

es could alarm residents who chose their neighborhoods with particular expectations.

"You put down your life savings, you pony up the mortgage, you take care of your property, you fix the roof, you try to be a good neighbor ... and all of a sudden somebody wants to turn the apple cart over," she said. "Who asked us if this was something we wanted? We don't want this."

But city planning director Harriet Tregoning said the proposed changes are modest, particularly in residential neighborhoods such as Schmitt's, but are needed to manage the District's growth.

"It's a necessary thing that we have to do if we really want the city to be prepared for the future," she said. "It would be worse than a tragedy to allow people to continue to build for a 1960s city."

MIKE DEBONIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Pedestrian, 71, Struck, Killed On B-W Parkway

Glen Burnie, Md.

State police say a 71-year-old man was struck and killed while walking on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and the driver didn't stop.

The accident occurred around 3 a.m. Saturday. Police say they got a call about a person walking in the northbound lanes of the parkway, also known as Route 295, near Interstate 695 in Glen Burnie.

When police arrived, the man was found lying in the left lane. He was pronounced dead at the scene. He's been identified as Henry Smith of Laurel, Md.

Police say they don't know why Smith was walking on the highway. They've found no evidence that he had broken down while driving in the area. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Boy, 4, Among Three Wounded in Shootings

Police say three people were wounded in two shootings Saturday, including a 4-year-old boy struck in the hand. Police say the boy was at home when a bullet went through a door and hit him. A man was struck in the leg by another bullet fired in the shooting at about 8 p.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of Savannah Place SE. Earlier Saturday, an unidentified youth was wounded in a shooting on Birney Place SE, several blocks south of the Anacostia Metro station. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Teen Stabbed Outside Minn. Ave. Metro Station

A Metro spokesman said a 19-year-old man was stabbed outside the Minnesota Ave. station after an argument with another man as the two were waiting for the station to open Sunday morning. The suspect fled before police arrived. (AP)



Pepco wants to increase rates in Maryland by about \$7 per month.

BALTIMORE

Pepco Asks for Rate Hike

The utility that serves the Washington suburbs has asked Maryland regulators for a rate increase that would add about \$7 to the average monthly bill of residential customers. Pepco filed its request Friday with the Maryland Public Service Commission. It also asked to impose a surcharge of about \$1 a month starting in 2014. (AP)

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Local

Verizon 911 Failures Were Present Before Derecho

Washington

The Washington region's 911 emergency network has suffered widespread systemic failures over the past two years, a rash of outages that started long before June's derecho storm, according to interviews and records obtained by The Washington Post.

There have been at least 11 outages since July 2010 in Maryland and Virginia, some of which left panicked 911 callers listening to busy signals as they tried to report emergencies, the records and interviews show.

The troubles occurred in a system operated by Verizon, whose lines handle every 911 call made in Washington's immediate suburbs. Verizon routes 911 calls to 1,800 government-run call centers in 12 states, making it one of the largest such carriers in the nation.

The 911 networks are specifically designed to be fail-safe and to

continue operating when other critical infrastructure, such as power lines, are knocked out.

But as failures quietly mounted, officials in the Washington area and elsewhere began asking whether the incidents were symptoms of deeper flaws permeating the nation's emergency-response system, perhaps requiring federal action.

The outages were caused by various problems and could not be traced to a single factor, The Post's review found. The problems included struggles to maintain equipment, technical glitches and automatic alarms going unheeded.

"If we step back, our overall reliability is very strong," said Maureen Davis, Verizon's vice president of network operations for the Mid-Atlantic region. "Having said that, we care about each one of these incidents." MARY PAT FLAHERTY AND JOE STEPHENS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Friday's Reader Caption



We asked what Vice President Joe Biden was thinking while shopping at D.C.'s first Costco.

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— @JFOODGEEK

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More Retailers Matching Prices

Shoppers who read the store's fine print can reap the rewards

Personal Finance

This holiday season, the hottest trend among retailers is found at the cash register.

Major retailers, from Best Buy to Toys R Us, are promising to match their competitors' prices. Generally, customers just need to bring in an advertisement or printout to prove that the same item is available elsewhere at a lower price. In some cases, shoppers can come back with a receipt and get a refund for the difference if the price of an item they bought fell.

Best Buy Co. Inc., Target Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Sears Inc. offer price matching to customers all year round. But what's differ-



Even if the price fell after you bought the item, you still might be able to get a refund.

ent now is that Best Buy and Target are matching online retailers such as Amazon.com for the first time.

Shoppers will be able to save some extra money, but they're going to have to read a lot of fine print to

do so. Here are some ways to get the most out of price matching:

Know the Policies

If you want to take advantage of a price-match offer, read the store's

Other Ways to Save

EBay Inc.'s payment processor, PayPal, promises to match a lower price if you've already made a purchase—including airline tickets. PayPal will give you back up to \$1,000 for all purchases made until Dec. 31. Citi just launched the Citi Price Rewind program for its credit-card holders. Register your purchases made on the Citi credit card online, and it will send you a check for the difference if it finds a lower price from an online retailer. (AP)

policy closely. You can find the guidelines on the store's website.

"Know their policy backwards or you may be bluffed into thinking something doesn't qualify," said Edgar Dworsky, the founder of Consumerworld.org, which tracks deals for shoppers.

Bring the Ads

Always bring the advertisement or the printed Web page for the item you want to price match. Heather Wheeler, who runs savings website TheKrazyCouponLady.com, recommends handling the transaction at the customer-service desk instead of at the cashier.

"[Those staffers are] trained a little more and are more knowledgeable," Wheeler says.

Save Receipts

Some retailers will give you money back if you see a lower price after you buy an item. Keep a hold of your receipts and, particularly for big-ticket items, continue to look for lower prices.

Best Buy will issue refunds until the end of January. Toys R Us lets you seek a refund up to seven days after buying an item. Sears customers can get a refund after 14 days. Target is letting customers price match against other retailers until Dec. 24 for any item bought after Nov. 1. JOSEPH PISANI (AP)

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Terps Struggle, Still Beat Mason

Newcomer Wells has career-high 25 in 69-62 win at BB&T

Terps Hoops

Four months after being expelled from Xavier, Dez Wells is starting to flourish at his new basketball home.

Wells scored a career-high 25 points Sunday, highlighting a bizarre statistical day for Maryland in a 69-62 win over suburban rival George Mason in the BB&T Classic.

"Probably the happiest I've been in my life," said Wells, who accounted for half of Maryland's 22 field goals. "Xavier's a great place — I have nothing bad to say about those guys, but I wouldn't rather be anywhere but Maryland right now."

The Terrapins (6-1) won despite making only four jump shots — none in the second half. They rode the inside, penetration and fast-break games of Wells, Nick Faust (14 points) and Alex Len (12) and made 23 of 39 free throws to improve to 8-0 all-time against their neighbors from the Virginia side of Washington, D.C.

A standout freshman at Xavier last season, Wells was kicked out of the school in August for violat-



Maryland's Dez Wells drives past George Mason's Marko Gujanic on Sunday.

ing the school's code of student conduct.

A week later, a grand jury rejected proposed criminal charges of sexual assault against him, but the school declined to take him back.

He's now at Maryland, where he has scored 23 and 25 points in back-to-back games.

"He's just feeling more comfortable," Maryland coach Mark Turgeon said. "A week ago, against Georgia Southern he was about as bad as he could be, and he just kind of flipped the switch and got real aggressive. ... He's a smart player. He asks a lot of questions. He asks too many questions sometimes, but he wants to be good."

Turgeon also joked that Wells is on pace to set a record for turnovers.

Wells committed five Sunday, giving him 13 in three games.

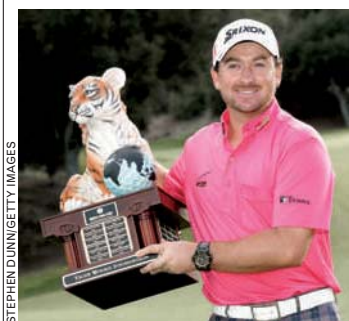
"It's going to come as we learn each other a lot more," Wells said.

George Mason lost despite taking 22 more shots (71-49) and committing 10 fewer turnovers (19-9).

But the Patriots were plagued with poor shot selection, accounting for their 31-percent rate from the field (22 of 71).

"Some of our decision-making, at key times, you can't explain it," George Mason coach Paul Hewitt said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

In Brief



Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland poses after his World Challenge victory.

GOLF

McDowell Wins Second World Challenge

Graeme McDowell closed with a 4-under 68 on Sunday and won the World Challenge for his first title in two years. It was the 10th time in 12 rounds that he has shot in the 60s at Sherwood Country Club, and he now has two wins at the tournament. (AP)

COLLEGE SOCCER

UNC Wins 21st Women's Soccer Championship

North Carolina scored three goals in the second half to beat Penn State 4-1 and win its 21st women's soccer title. The Tar Heels (15-5-3), making their 26th appearance in the final four College Cup, won the title for the first time since 2009. (AP)

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Owners, Players To Meet Without Leaders

The NHL and the players' association have agreed to a meeting with selective owners and players but without NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman or union chief Donald Fehr. Bettman proposed the unique meeting Wednesday when talks broke off following two days of negotiations with federal mediators, and it wasn't agreed to until Sunday. The meeting is expected to occur Tuesday in New York. (AP)

Colonials Win Powered by Armwood's Big Day

College Basketball

Isaiah Armwood scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and George Washington overcame 23 turnovers to beat Manhattan 67-55 Sunday in the opening game of the BB&T Classic.

Armwood, a senior forward, went eight for 12 from the field and made all seven of his free throws for the Colonials (4-3), who have won back-to-back games for the first time this season.

RaShawn Stores had 11 points

and six rebounds for the Jaspers (2-4). The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference school went 1-2 in a three-game stretch against Atlantic 10 opponents.

Manhattan's George Beamon, averaging 19.3 points entering the game, shot 3 for 13 from the field and finished with nine points. He missed a breakaway dunk with 2:06 to play that would have cut the deficit to four after a GW turnover.

The game was tied at 32 at halftime, and neither team led by double digits until GW closed the



George Washington's Isaiah Armwood shoots over two Manhattan players.

game with a 15-6 run. The Colonials went 10 for 11 from the free-throw line over the final four minutes of a foul-heavy game.

Manhattan committed 24 fouls and had three players foul out. GW was whistled for 19 and had one player disqualified.

For the second-straight season, George Washington's coaches and players took the subway to the Verizon Center for the BB&T Classic, located four stops away from the Colonials' Foggy Bottom campus. (AP)

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Sports

Chiefs Score a Somber Victory

Pro Football

Against the backdrop of an unthinkable tragedy, the Kansas City Chiefs gave themselves a reason to be proud Sunday — and perhaps the impetus to let the healing begin.



Brady Quinn threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns, and Jamaal Charles ran for 127 yards in the Chiefs' 27-21 victory over the Carolina Panthers, snapping an eight-game losing streak during one of the most difficult seasons the franchise has experienced.

The win came just one day after Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher shot his girlfriend multiple times near Arrowhead Stadium, then drove to the team's practice facility and turned the gun on himself as general manager Scott Pioli and



The Chiefs link arms for a moment of silence before Sunday's game with Carolina.

Silent Support

Fans at Arrowhead Stadium observed a moment of silence Sunday for the victims of domestic violence and their families. Not mentioned was Jovan Belcher, the Chiefs linebacker who killed his girlfriend and then himself a day earlier. (AP)

coach Romeo Crennel looked on.

Peyton Hillis had a touchdown run for Kansas City (2-10), while Tony Moeaki and Jon Baldwin had touchdown catches. Ryan Succop hit a pair of field goals, including a 52-yarder.

Quarterback Cam Newton threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns for Carolina (3-9). (AP)

Sunday Recap

WEEK 11

Top Dogs



Andrew Luck, QB, Colts

The Indianapolis rookie's 14-yard TD pass to Donnie Avery with no time left lifted the Colts to a dramatic 35-33 comeback win over the Lions (5-8). The win keeps the Colts (8-4) in control of the AFC wild-card race.



Adrian Peterson, RB, Vikings

Peterson finished with 210 yards, the most he's had since blowing out his ACL and MCL last December, and his 82-yard scoring run in the second quarter was his longest of the year. But his monster efforts weren't enough: The Vikings fell 23-14 to the Pack.

Scoreboard

Bills 34, Jaguars 18

Seahawks 23, Bears 17 (OT)

Colts 35, Lions 33

Packers 23, Vikings 14

Texans 24, Titans 10

Jets 7, Cardinals 6

Rams 16, 49ers 13 (OT)

Patriots 23, Dolphins 16

Jets 7, Cardinals 6

Bucs, Broncos (late)

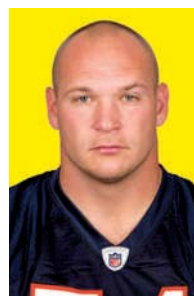
Raiders, Browns (late)

Late game results: washingtonpost.com

Hearsay

"It's good to be back in the postseason."

—Coach **BILL BELICHICK**, after the Patriots clinched their fourth straight AFC East title Sunday



Injuries

Jordy Nelson, RB, Packers QB Aaron Rodgers' second-favorite target hurt his hamstring during the second drive.

◀ **Brian Urlacher, LB, Bears** Chicago's star linebacker was injured (hamstring) during Seattle's winning drive, as was cornerback Tim Jennings (shoulder).

Garrett Graham, TE, Texans A head injury meant Graham couldn't finish the game. Houston's injuries are piling up: They also lost cornerback Brice McCain (foot) on Sunday.

Seahawks Need OT to Top Bears

Seattle manages only second road win of the year in Chicago

Pro Football

Perfect at home, the Seattle Seahawks managed a win on the road for a change.

They needed overtime to do it, and the extra time spent might help them make the playoffs.

Russell Wilson connected with Sidney Rice for a 13-yard touchdown with 7:33 left in overtime to lift the Seahawks to a wild 23-17 victory over the Chicago Bears

on Sunday.

Unbeaten in five home games, the Seahawks finally figured a way to win on the road after dropping five of their first six, and knocked off the NFC North leaders in the process.

Seattle (7-5) leads the NFC wild-card chase, and, despite its frequent struggles on the road, has won three in a row in the regular season at Soldier Field.

This one sure was dramatic.

Seattle took a short-lived lead late in regulation on rookie Wilson's 14-yard pass to Golden Tate, only to watch the Bears' Robbie Gould boot a 46-yard



Sidney Rice seemed knocked out after scoring the game-winning touchdown.

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field goal as time expired to send it into OT.

The Seahawks (7-5) started with the ball on their 20, and it ended with one final flourish.

Rice hauled in a pass from Wilson and took a shoulder-to-helmet hit from Major Wright that appeared to knock him out as he lunged into the end zone. He eventually walked off the field.

That gave the Seahawks their only road win other than a victory at Carolina. ANDREW SELIGMAN (AP)

Rick Majerus Dies of Heart Failure at 64

College Basketball

Rick Majerus, the jovial college basketball coach who led Utah to the 1998 NCAA final and had only one losing season in 25 years with four schools, died Saturday. He was 64.



Majerus

Utah industrialist Jon Huntsman, the coach's longtime friend, confirmed in a statement released through the Salt Lake Tribune that Majerus died of heart failure in a Los Angeles hospital.

Majerus said Nov. 19 that he wouldn't return to Saint Louis because of the heart condition.

He ended the school's 12-year NCAA tournament drought last season with a 26-win team that won its opening game and took top regional seed Michigan State to the wire.

The Billikens were ranked for the first time since 1994-95. (AP)

Weekend Rewind



- **No. 2 Alabama held off No. 3 Georgia 32-28 in a thrilling Southeastern Conference title game Saturday.**
- **Wisconsin routed No. 14 Nebraska 70-31 in the Big Ten title game on Saturday night in Indianapolis.**
- **David Beckham and the Los Angeles Galaxy beat the Houston Dynamo, 3-1, to take the MLS Cup on Saturday.**
- **The New York Knicks beat the Washington Wizards for the 10th-straight time, 108-87, on Friday night.**
- **No. 13 Florida State held off Georgia Tech 21-15 on Saturday night to capture its first ACC title since 2005.**
- **Tulsa eked out a 33-27 victory over UCF on Saturday in the Conference USA championship game.**
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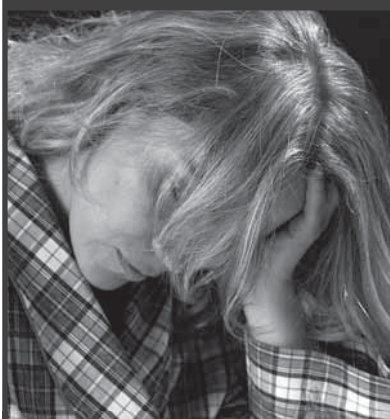
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3. Lincoln
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4. Rise of the Guardians
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5. Life of Pi
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6. Wreck-It Ralph
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'Late Night' Jam Session

Musical guests make Fallon's talk show worth staying up for

Television

Late-night television doesn't usually save the best for last. The opening monologue leads with its best joke, and then there's another short sketch or bit, and then there are guest interviews (the A-listers come first), and only then, for anyone still awake, does the host go through the motions of

introducing the musical performance. Too often, this last part, sandwiched between commercials, feels perfunctory at best. Such shows as Jon Stewart's and Stephen Colbert's have done away with music almost entirely.

But over on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" (NBC, weeknights, 12:35 a.m.), many of the show's most memorable moments have been musical: Jimmy Fallon and Justin Timberlake sliding from one voice to the next in delivering a "History of Rap," or Bruce Springsteen deadpanning LMFAO in a "Born in the USA" growl.

The Boss Plays Along

Things went so well the first time Bruce Springsteen appeared on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" that they did it again last winter. This time, Fallon devoted a whole week to Springsteen, complete with tributes from the likes of Elvis Costello and John Legend, more of the Boss revisiting classic songs with the Roots (this time, along with the E Street Band) and, of course, another collaboration with Fallon-as-Neil Young (LMFAO's "Sexy and I Know It"). (SLATE)

When the world got its introduction to the "swag generation," via rising hip-hop collective Odd Future, it was on "Fallon." After a performance that incorporated the Travelocity gnome and the group transforming the studio into their own playground, the

show ended with group leader Tyler the Creator leaping into a gleeful piggyback atop Jimmy Fallon. The audience response was so strong that you couldn't even make out Fallon's sign-off.

How does "Fallon" so handily whip its competition in this department? It doesn't hurt that the show has, as it so often reminds its viewers, "the greatest band in late night"

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in hip-hop luminaries the Roots. Or that its host, too, is more musically talented than his rivals. But show after show, there's one man at the center. Or, actually, just off to the side of the stage: music booker Jonathan Cohen.

Cohen says the secret to the show's success has been a dedication to aiming big, trying new things and making sure artists have an experience that keeps them coming back.

Take Springsteen, a dream guest of Fallon's. Cohen reached out to Camp Springsteen as soon as he got into his office and checked in with them again for months ("almost to the point of annoyance," Cohen says).

When they finally found an opening, around the re-release of "Darkness on the Edge of Town," Cohen and his team showed a willingness to break from late-night conventions: They dedicated the whole show to Springsteen, who in turn gave a two-part interview, did a cover of a pop song by Willow Smith, and dropped the E Street Band to do two tracks with the Roots. It was the most exciting evening of music on late night in recent memory. FORREST WICKMAN (SLATE)



Batcave Sold Separately: The original Batmobile from the 1960s TV series will be auctioned Jan. 19 at the Barrett-Jackson auction house in Scottsdale, Ariz. The 19-foot-long black, bubble-topped car was used in the TV show that starred Adam West as the Caped Crusader. The car's owner — auto customizer George Barris — transformed a one-of-a-kind 1955 Lincoln Futura concept car into the sleek, crime-fighting machine. On the show, it boasted lasers and a Batphone. (AP)

Down-‘Home’ Appeal

‘American Idol’ winner Phillip Phillips breaks away from the reality show on his debut

Q&A

With the success of his debut single, “Home,” Phillip Phillips isn’t just the dude who won “American Idol.” He’s the dude with that folk-rock hit, according to fans he’s met.

“People are like, ‘You’re the guy with the song “Home,”’ and I’m like, ‘Yeah, yeah.’ They say ... ‘So do you have any other music out?’ I’m like, ‘There are some covers.’ ‘What from?’ I say, “‘American Idol.’” ‘You were on “American Idol?”’ he recalls.

“There [are] a lot of people who didn’t even know I was on ‘Idol,’” says Phillips, who just released his debut album, “The World From the Side of the Moon.” “I think that’s cool.”

What do you think of people comparing “Home” to Mumford & Sons?

People are always gonna compare somebody to somebody else, but I think when people hear the album, it’s not gonna remind them of Mumford & Sons too much, because I’m a little more rock, and, you know, they’re very folk.



“There [are] a lot of people who didn’t even know I was on ‘Idol.’ I think that’s cool.”

Most “Idol” winners haven’t had success like Kelly Clarkson or Carrie Underwood. Does that make you nervous?

I mean if it doesn’t do well, it wasn’t meant to do well ... I’d be upset for a little bit, but it’s just what it’s meant to be. I can only hope for the best. I can’t make anybody do anything. I’m nervous about it definitely, but all I can do is hope that it does well.

What do you think of the new “Idol” judges?

I’m curious to see how they’re gonna judge and to see what they’re looking for. Keith Urban is an amazing musician so that’ll be cool to have him.

How’s your health? (Phillips had major kidney surgery when he won “Idol” this year.)

I’m doing great. I’m tired, but staying busy. This reminds me, I have to get a doctor’s checkup.

Do you find a lot of people came out of the woodwork after seeing you on “Idol”?

People that were saying they were cousins and good friends with my friend’s friend whose friend of another friend and my grandma’s sister’s other half sister’s baby’s child. I’m like, “Nice to meet you finally.” ALICIA RANCILIO (AP)



Insider’s Guide to Hotels

Book Review

Front-desk raconteur Jacob Tomsky’s sharp-witted, candid new book, “Heads in Beds” (\$25.95, Doubleday), demystifies the world of high-end hospitality so effectively that you’ll start looking up rates at the Ritz. (Of course, at those prices, the fantasy might die there.)

The book is tightly written and laced with delicious insider tips. You’ll learn how to park your car in the hotel’s driveway without getting towed (slip the doorman \$20), how to pig out on the mini-bar for free (“Never, ever will the hotel accuse you of lying”) and, most important, how to get that upgrade to the corner suite with Central Park views (wrap a \$50 bill around your credit card when you check in).

JOHN WILWOL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Today’s Top Stops

COMPILED BY FIONA ZUBLIN

1 El Rey de la Navidad

Can we even call El Vez an Elvis impersonator anymore? He’s been doing the Mexican Elvis thing for more than 20 years (this time, it’s “Mex-Mas!”), but his act has increasingly less to do with Elvis and more to do with straight rock ‘n’ roll. El Vez is as punk as they come (tiger-print jumpsuit, Iggy Pop covers), and his pompadour has roots as much in Mexican musical traditions and rockabilly as in aping the King. **U Street Music Hall, 1115A U St. NW; Mon., 7 p.m., \$20; 202-588-1880, Ustreetmusichall.com. (U Street)**



2 Do You Believe In Santa Claus?

In “Miracle on 34th Street,” otherwise known as “Everyone’s Favorite Christmas Movie Before ‘Love Actually’ Existed,” a kindly old man gets a skeptical 6-year-old girl to believe in Santa Claus as a literal person rather than a comforting metaphor about human goodness. In real life, this would be totally mind-warping for a little kid, right? **National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Mon., 6:30 p.m., free; 202-628-6161, Nationaltheatre.org. (Metro Center)**

3 Cello, We Love You

Yo-Yo Ma is back in Washington. Oh, wait, he’s playing Bach in Washington. Ma, the world’s most famous cellist—go ahead, name another one—brings his dynamic style to a concert at the Kennedy Center tonight. In addition to Bach, he’ll be playing chunks of the “Appalachia Waltz.” **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Mon., 7:30 p.m., \$50-\$175; 202-467-4600; Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**





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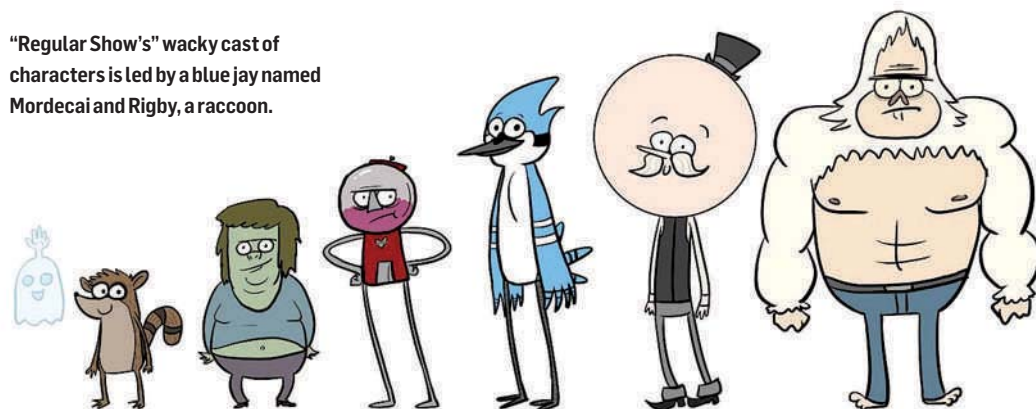
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Well-Drawn Characters

On 'Regular Show,' child's play meets Adult Swim oddity

Animation

TOON 8:00 Fans of offbeat holiday specials should turn to the Cartoon Network. "Regular Show: The Christmas Special" has its slacker heroes saving Santa Claus and Christmas in a tightly

scripted adventure that borrows both from big-screen summer movies and video games.

"Regular" features an astounding cast of characters. Its "stars" are a blue jay named Mordecai and his pal, Rigby, a raccoon. Goofballs in the tradition of Bill and Ted or Beavis and Butt-Head, they "work" as groundskeepers at a park and do anything but.

Their friends and colleagues are an assortment of oddities, includ-

ing a living pinball machine, several human lollipops, a ghost in the shape of a hand, a yeti, a goat and a mumbling muscleman. Tonight's special features the voices of Ed Asner as Santa and Thomas Haden Church as an angry elf gone rogue.

The Cartoon Network used to make a great distinction between its kids stuff and the stranger late-night fare on "Adult Swim." "Regular" works well for both audiences.

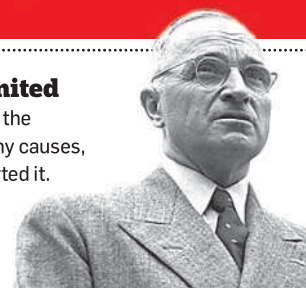
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Best Bets

SHO 8:00

Untold History of the United States

This episode chronicles the emergence of the Cold War's many causes, although it's never clear who started it. President Harry S. Truman, right, Winston Churchill and the red scare at home all play a part.



CBS 9:00

2 Broke Girls As they get ready to open their cupcake shop, Max and Caroline realize they need help with some of the work, so they hire an intern ("Saturday Night Live" alum Abby Elliott, left). Max, however, isn't exactly comfortable having an underling.



TRAVEL 10:00

Hotel Impossible Anthony Melchiorri returns to save struggling hotels from bad planning, mismanagement and owner delusions. Melchiorri is a tough cookie, but he's far more reasonable than Gordon Ramsay, who appears on Fox's very similar "Hotel Hell."

ABC 10:00

Castle When a bearded, rotund man in a red Santa suit with an ID reading "Kris Kringle" falls from the sky in Central Park, Castle and Beckett are on the hunt to find the person who killed Santa, and they discover this St. Nick may have been more naughty than nice.

(TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Specials



Shelton's Season

The title "Blake Shelton's Not So Family Christmas" (10:01 p.m., NBC) is a bit misleading, since Shelton's wife, fellow country crooner Miranda Lambert, is part of the show, along with his fellow "Voice" coach Christina Aguilera and Kelly Clarkson, Jay Leno, Reba McEntire and Larry the Cable Guy. Together, they'll present seasonal songs old and new along with some comedy bits to get you in the holiday spirit. (TM)

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“Usually, I totally give in to the craving. I seriously purchase one or two muffins every day. Every. Day. And I only eat the tops. I figure, life’s too short to waste time with the lesser part of the muffin.”

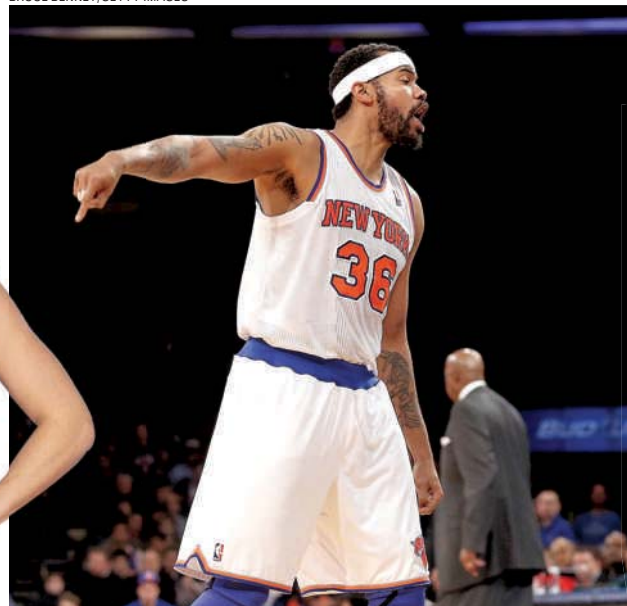
— **NOTARUNNER.COM** is cutting back on the muffin diet during the holiday season because she needs the money to buy Christmas gifts.



“I mean ... I don’t know. NBC surely screen tested her, since her role in ‘Soul Surfer’ was probably not enough evidence of her acting chops. So maybe she just sparkles on screen and isn’t being cast solely because of her name, her voice, and her healthy record sales.”

— **MARK BLANKENSHIP AT NEWNOWNEXT.COM** is iffy about the network’s selection of Carrie Underwood to star as Maria von Trapp in a live broadcast version of “The Sound of Music” to air in 2013.

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES



“Trying to find me an Internet boyfriend so I can go on ‘Catfish.’”

— **@REIBUG** is a fan of the new MTV show that exposes lies in online dating. “Catfish” is a term for someone who creates a completely false identity on the Internet.

“If you don’t love Rasheed Wallace you don’t love the NBA.”

— **@DAVEHILL77** remarks on the fact that the NBA veteran and Knicks player was ejected in the first quarter of the Knicks’ game Sunday against the Suns. Wallace played only 1:25 off the bench.



“At 20 years old, the digital telegram (or SMS) should be considered retro, the kind of thing your dad does, to the embarrassment of the younger generation. But no, it’s hugely popular, I guess in large part because it’s simple and effective.”

— **COMMENTER FOLDINGTYPE AT GUARDIAN.CO.UK/TECHNOLOGY** tries to understand why texting, which turns 20 on Monday, is still so prevalent.



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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't worry about getting a late start, for you should be able to make up any lost ground rather quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's important to talk openly and honestly about the issues facing you — and to get others to do the same. Agreement isn't required.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You mustn't risk a friendship merely for financial gain. You'll find other ways to make up for what was recently lost.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Excitement is on the rise, and not just because you are embarking on a project that promises serious rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A slip of the tongue can land you in hot water; you must be careful that what you say is an accurate representation of what you feel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You and a loved one know just what is next, and just how to get the most out of it — provided you can stay the course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You must be able to balance several conflicting influences without losing your balance or your concentration.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should be able to help a friend step up and do what others claim is impossible. It'll take some hard work, and there's no trick to it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You mustn't take it to heart if your behavior isn't completely understood — or appreciated — by those around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You've gained much lately, and now is the time to do a little accurate accounting in order to know just where you stand — and what you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's time to lay down the law to someone who has been taking too many liberties. There are certain rules he or she must follow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) That which is out of sight is no less influential than that which is right in front of your face. You must respond accordingly, of course.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 222

A ₁	E ₁	I ₁	Y ₄	S ₁	D ₂	D ₂
A ₁	E ₁	D ₂	N ₁	B ₃	R ₁	T ₁
A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	S ₁	W ₄	T ₁	G ₂
A ₁	O ₁	O ₁	U ₁	K ₅	N ₁	H ₄

3rd Letter Double

RACK 1

RACK 2

Triple Word Score

RACK 3

RACK 4

Friday's Solution

D ₂	O ₁	G ₂	W ₄	O ₁	O ₁	D ₂	RACK 1 =	65
P ₃	H ₄	E ₁	N ₁	O ₁	M ₃		RACK 2 =	13
C ₃	O ₁	N ₁	C ₃	E ₁	D ₂	E ₁	RACK 3 =	86
D ₂	E ₁	P ₃	L ₁	U ₁	M ₃	E ₁	RACK 4 =	62
PAR SCORE 150-160								TOTAL 226

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

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		9		1		4	6	
	3		9	4		1		
5		7			4	8	1	
	9	2		5		6	7	
	8	3	6			5		2
		1		6	9		8	
	7	6		3		9		
9				8	1		3	

Friday's Solution

3	7	2	6	8	1	4	9	5
4	1	5	3	7	9	8	2	6
8	9	6	2	4	5	7	3	1
2	6	4	1	5	7	3	8	9
9	8	3	4	2	6	1	5	7
7	5	1	9	3	8	2	6	4
6	4	9	8	1	3	5	7	2
5	2	8	7	6	4	9	1	3
1	3	7	5	9	2	6	4	8

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

66 | **52**

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70 | **51**

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. A shower late tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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57 | 35 49 | 35 50 | 41

Sun and Moon

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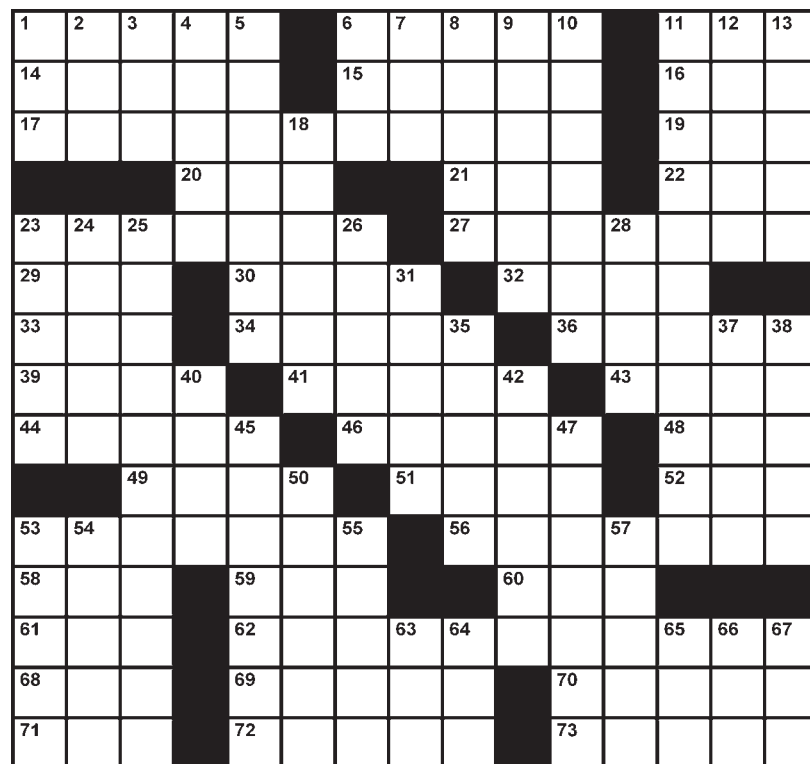
DON'T GO!

ACROSS

- 1 Straitlaced sort
- 6 Lawn ball game
- 11 Turtledove's remark
- 14 Panorama
- 15 Brother in Genesis
- 16 Having had many birthdays
- 17 Deal with a problem
- 19 Start for "day" or "night"
- 20 Artist Jean
- 21 Day light?
- 22 Forbidden fruit sampler
- 23 Great praise
- 27 Lath clinger
- 29 Trilling twosome
- 30 Shells out money
- 32 Foot feature
- 33 Furnish with firepower
- 34 Throat disorder
- 36 Produces dividends
- 39 Slapstick-movie missiles
- 41 Typo, for one
- 43 Agitate
- 44 Native American pole
- 46 Avoids detection
- 48 Take habitually
- 49 Ran up a tab
- 51 Manicurist's tool
- 52 Word from Beaver Cleaver
- 53 "National Enquirer" fodder
- 56 Blimp, e.g.
- 58 Cartoon baby cry
- 59 Likable prez?
- 60 Mr., in India
- 61 Org. for doctors
- 62 Regardless
- 68 Gibson of Hollywood
- 69 Observe Yom Kippur
- 70 Miss America's headgear
- 71 Flower holder
- 72 Oscar winner for "Tootsie" and "Blue Sky"
- 73 Noah's great-grandfather

DOWN

- 1 Common pipe material, briefly
- 2 Next Summer Olympics host
- 3 Real attachment?
- 4 Violate a Commandment
- 5 Ancient Persian governors
- 6 Word with "punching" or "sleeping"
- 7 Kayaker's accessory
- 8 Like iceberg lettuce
- 9 Grammatical connector
- 10 Draw into a trap
- 11 Deliver
- 12 Martini orb
- 13 Comparatively peculiar
- 18 Addictive drug
- 23 Adjust to something new
- 24 Antique shop item
- 25 Stop suddenly
- 26 Gold and frankincense partner

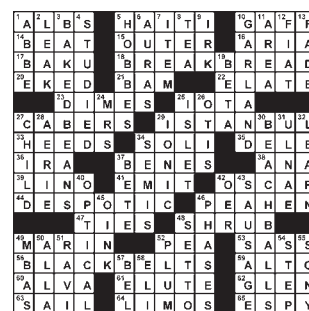


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- 28 Villain in "The Lion King"
- 31 Letter flourish
- 35 Lecterns
- 37 Some Japanese-Americans
- 38 Fail to stay awake
- 40 No longer bursting at the seams?
- 42 Hot dog topping
- 45 Kind of care
- 47 Make a jagged edge
- 50 Territory that became two states
- 53 Overwhelm, as with work
- 54 Small role for a Hollywood star
- 55 Dud on wheels
- 57 Type of college protest

- 63 Twin with a connection
- 64 Willie Winkie description
- 65 Longtime Chinese chairman
- 66 ___ de Triomphe
- 67 Oft-repeated word in "Fargo"

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1833 Oberlin College in Ohio, the first truly coeducational school of higher learning in the U.S., begins holding classes.

1967 Surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, perform the first human heart transplant.

1992 Neil Papworth sends the first text message, "Merry Christmas," to Vodafone's Richard Jarvis.

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Britney Spears turned 31 on Sunday. For those who didn't even realize she was 30, here's a quick recap: Since 1992, she's been a Mouseketeer; jettisoned that wholesomeness with "... Baby One More Time"; starred in "Crossroads"; kissed Madonna; got married twice; had two kids; suffered several memorable breakdowns; and is somehow still employed. (EXPRESS)

MARRIAGE**Also, You'll Become His Default 401(k) Beneficiary**

Mario Lopez, host of "Extra" and "The X Factor," married Courtney Mazza on Saturday on a Mexican beach, Usmagazine.com reported. "The only thing that's going to change is my last name," Mazza said. "Same love, same everything!" The wedding was shot for a TLC special to air Dec. 8. The couple's 2-year-old daughter was their flower girl. (EXPRESS)



The magic's gone when your wife starts posing with your dandruff shampoo.

Victims**She Paid for His Cheekbone Repair**

Attorneys for Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry have settled court issues stemming from a Thanksgiving Day fight between Aubry (Berry's ex-boyfriend) and her fiancé (Olivier Martinez) in which Aubry was wounded. Attorneys for Berry and Aubry said after Thursday's hearing that the two sides had reached an amicable agreement. (AP)



Kim pinched the straw to avoid drinking the shake. She was on a cleanse.

BULLYING**'Wow, Uncalled For, Hardline Protesters'**

Kim Kardashian appeared at two Millions of Milkshakes store openings — Kuwait on Thursday and Bahrain on Saturday — sparking protests. Just before she opened the Bahrain branch, riot police fired tear gas to disperse more than 50 hardline Islamic protesters denouncing her presence. The demonstrators were cleared before Kardashian appeared. Earlier, Kardashian had posted glowing remarks about Bahrain on her Twitter account, calling it "the prettiest place on earth." It was re-Tweeted by Bahrain's foreign minister. (AP/EXPRESS)

**BRIEF CELEBRITY****LiLo's Victim to Extend 15 Minutes of Fame With Viral Tumblr of Kittens**

Lindsay Lohan was charged Thursday with third-degree assault after a woman was punched in a New York City nightclub. Her attorney said he expects the charge to be dismissed: "Lindsay is a victim of someone trying to capture their 15 minutes of fame. ... I am completely confident that this case will be concluded favorably." (AP)

RELATIVE NOBODIES**'I Took You Down and I'm Not Even Famous Enough to Have My Photo in the Paper'**

In a blog post for GQ, comedy writer Jenny Johnson reflected on her Twitter exchange with Chris Brown that ended with him deleting his account: "I won't say I regret what I did, but I will say I have learned from it. I chose to turn a lazy Sunday watching football with my husband into a total [expletive]." (EXPRESS)

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